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ABSTRACT

Visual organizers also called graphic organizers, formal organizers, and visual strategies are visual representations of concepts and ideas. When used in classrooms, they provide students with tools to make thought and organizational processes visible, and they serve as organizational frameworks to promote thinking and language development. This book introduces 12 visual organizers: story maps; Venn diagrams; frameworks for webbing; KWL charts; main idea/supporting details--frameworks; cause and effect frameworks; classification frameworks; fact/opinion frameworks; circle frameworks; semantic feature analysis frameworks; flowcharts; and charts. Each chapter explains the organizer, and discusses why it should be used and how to use it with the whole class, small groups, or individuals. Practical tips and specific examples from several curriculum areas are provided, and assessment techniques are covered. All ideas have been classroom tested and are illustrated with examples of actual student work. (Contains 40 references.) (ND)

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